

Comparison of PARC Act and H.R. 1814

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Reauthorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides authorization for LWCF until September 30, 2022, and provides that \$900 million annually in revenues are deposited in the fund through that date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for the permanent authorization LWCF, and provides that \$900 million annually in revenues are deposited in the fund.
DIVISION BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL PURPOSES OF LWCF APPROPRIATIONS		
Division Between State and Federal Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that no less than 45% of appropriations from the LWCF shall be for the state grant program (under 54 USC 200305). Of 100% of funds, provisions provide for: state grants, not less than 45%; promoting offshore energy, not less than 20%; Payments In Lieu of Taxes, not less than 15%; urban parks and recreation grants, not less than 5%; deferred maintenance and cleanup, not more than 3.5%; federal land acquisition, not more than 3.5%; Forest Legacy Program, not more than 3.5%; cooperative endangered species grants, not more than 3.5%; American Battlefield Protection Program, not more than 1%. 	
FEDERAL LAND ACQUISITION		
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 3.5% of the appropriations from the fund are to be available for federal land acquisition. 	

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Restrictions on Federal Acquisitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires no less than 33% of funds for federal acquisitions secure or enhance public access on federal lands. Requires federal acquisitions funded by LWCF to share at least 75% of the parcel's border with Federal lands. Restricts acreage west of the 100th meridian to no more than 15% of total acreage acquired. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that no less than 1.5% of appropriations from the LWCF or \$10,000,000, whichever is greater, shall be for enhancing public access to Federal lands.
Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts contracts for federal acquisition to no more than \$2 million. 	
OFFSHORE ENERGY EXPLORATION, INNOVATION AND EDUCATION		
Allocation of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires funds available to offshore energy exploration, innovation and education to be distributed as follows: (1) 5% for streamlining federal energy permitting process, (2) 5% for the establishment of the Offshore Energy Innovation Hub, and (3) 90% for offshore energy education grants to institutions of higher education. 	
Energy Permit Streamlining Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a 7-year energy permit streamlining pilot project for the Outer Continental Shelf. Pilot offices shall be established in Alaska, Louisiana, Virginia and any other field office considered by the Secretary of Interior to be appropriate. Prohibits new or increased fees for activities of pilot offices. 	
Offshore Energy Innovation Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes Offshore Energy Innovation Hub to foster collaboration among Federal, academic, and industry stakeholders. Focus shall be on: safety technologies, reservoir characterization, extended system architecture, high pressure/high temperature completion systems, meteorological and oceanic forecasting, and arctic 	

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Promoting the Next Generation of Offshore Energy Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes offshore energy innovation grants to institutions of higher education. Requires that no less than half the grants be available in scholarships or tuition assistance and the remainder be used to promote curriculum development and related projects to advance exploration and production in the Outer Continental Shelf. Establishes fellowship and internship opportunities for energy and mineral exploration. 	
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH INNOVATION, ENGAGEMENT, AND SUPPORT PROGRAM		
Urban Parks and Recreation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes competitive urban parks and recreation matching grant program to communities with a population of not more than 100,000. No less than 5% of the appropriations from the fund are to be used for the competitive urban parks and recreation matching grant program. Restricts funds to rehabilitation and construction and acquisition. Restricts grants to no more than \$2 million. Requires a 50 % matching requirement. 	
PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CONDEMNATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN		
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits LWCF acquisitions through condemnation or eminent domain. 	
STATE GRANT PROGRAM		
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Apportionment Among States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides that 50% of the appropriations for state grants be divided equally among the states. 	
State Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires no less than 30% of allotment to each state to be used in communities with a population greater than 20,000. 	